

# FY 2005 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

## CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

### 1. Plants - 100 Potential Points (25-50% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	100		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	70		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	60		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	50		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	30		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	20		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	0		
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	100		
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	100		
<b>1. Plants</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total:</b>

### 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.				Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Soil Erosion (sheet&amp;rill)</b>						
342 - Critical Area Planting (10yr)				5		
314 - Brush Management (10yr)				10		
<b>Water Quantity (Inefficient water use on non irrigated land)</b>						
314 - Brush Management (10yr)				10		
<b>Water Quality (Surface water contaminants)</b>						
314 - Brush Management (10yr)				10		
<b>Plants (Productivity, health, &amp; vigor and invasive plants)</b>						
342- Critical Area Planting (10yr)				5		
314- Brush Management (10yr)				10		
382- Fence (20yr 10pts each)				20		
516- Livestock Pipeline (20yr 10pts.each)				20		
614-Water facility (10yr 5pts. Each)				15		
642-Well (20yr)				15		
<b>Animals (Food, cover or shelter, water,&amp; health)</b>						
314- Brush Management (10yr)				10		
382- Fence (20yr 10 pts. Each)				20		
516- Livestock Pipeline (20yr 10pts.each)				20		
614- Water Facility (10yr 5pts each)				15		
642- Well (20yr)				15		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>				<b>Total:</b>		

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## 3. Other Considerations - 50 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	20	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	10	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
E. Proposed contract area will be treated to eradicate or prevent infestation of Class A, B, or C noxious weeds	10	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**\*A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

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Date

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